

## JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, December 6, 2007.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer.

Eternal God, in Whom we place our trust and confidence, each day we pray for Your gift of wisdom. The virtue of wisdom enables us to comprehend and to understand the issues of the day and the concerns of constituents more clearly. In this age of vast amounts of new knowledge and exciting technological information available to all people, help us to analyze all data in a professional and critical manner. Teach us to take time and to exercise patience as we evaluate the many legislative and administrative proposals which come before us. Inspire us to listen carefully and to respect fully all people and their personal concerns as we try to serve the common good to the best of our ability.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of the House of Representatives, and their families. Amen.

Pledge of  
allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

### *Petitions.*

Malden,  
Ward Seven  
councillor.

Mr. Fallon of Malden presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4414) of Christopher G. Fallon (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the certification and qualification of the councillor elected in Ward Seven of the city of Malden in the current year; and the same was referred to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

North Adams,  
land  
conveyance.

Mr. Bosley of North Adams presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Daniel E. Bosley that the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to convey a certain parcel of land located in the city of North Adams to said city; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

### *Report of a Committee.*

Devens  
military  
base.

By Mr. Flynn of Bridgewater, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, on House, No. 47, a Bill relative to concurrent jurisdiction over the former Devens military base (House, No. 4415). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2007.

### *Paper from the Senate.*

The House Bill establishing a task force within the Department of Education to examine hygienic procedures pertaining to band instruments (House, No. 413) came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2436. Band  
instruments.

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, the amendment (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

### *Orders of the Day.*

#### Senate bills

Authorizing the town of Ashburnham to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2271); and Third  
reading  
bills.

Authorizing the Wachusett Regional School District to borrow money for the cleanup of oil contamination and related costs (Senate, No. 2322);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

#### House bills

Authorizing the city of Gardner to grant 3 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4106); H

Authorizing the town of Westborough to grant an additional license for sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4178);

Relative to the annual observance of Thrombosis Awareness Month (House, No. 4288) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Relative to the resale of mattresses (House, No. 4299);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

### *Order.*

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next  
sitting.

At half past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.